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Figs. 5a, 5b, ~~5c~~ show perspective schematic diagrams which correspond to the schematic cross-sectional illustrations illustrated in Fig. 4.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

As is depicted in Figures 4 and 5, rod-shaped articles 11; here cigarettes 11, are located in a shaft 12 of a container 13 in which the cigarettes 11 are disposed one above the other. A pivotal element 14 consists of a flap 15 and a retaining element 16 which is resilient in this embodiment. The pivotal element 14 and hence the flap 15 as well as the retaining element 16 are rotatable about a shaft 17. The front wall of the container 13 is not illustrated in Figures 5a, 5b, 5c so as to provide a better overview.

In the basic position illustrated in Figs. 4a and 5a, the flap 15 is located crosswise in the shaft 12 and holds back the cigarettes 11, whilst the retaining element 16 is located outside the shaft 12. As is illustrated in Figs. 4b and 5b, the pivotal element 14 is pivoted in the clockwise direction through approx. 45° in correspondence with arrow 18. In this position, the lowest cigarette 11 is still held by the flap 15. However, the retaining element 16 is swung partially into the shaft 12 and restrains the cigarette located above the lowest cigarette 11 from further downward movement.

Finally, the position in which the pivotal element 14 is pivoted through 90° and is located in its end position is illustrated in Figs. 4c and 5c. The flap 15 is now completely outside the shaft 12 so that the lower cigarette 11 emerges from the container 13 or the shaft 12. At the same time, the subsequent cigarette is clamped in the shaft 12 by the resilient retaining element 16 so that it and the cigarettes located thereabove remain in the shaft 12.